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Dear Mr. Priest:

Admiral Turner has asked me to thank you for your recent letter in which you sought CIA's view of your proposed junior-year-in-the-USSR program for engineers and scientists.

The proposed program certainly appears to be unique and of great interest. Let me be quick to say, however, that endorsement of your program by CIA independent of coordination with other Government components would be, to say the least, out of bounds.

May I suggest that you pursue your program through the appropriate offices in the Department of State and/or International Communications Agency. Mr. M. James Wilkinson, Deputy Director (Exchanges), Office of USSR Affairs at State, and Mr. Yale Richmond, Deputy Director (Exchanges), Office of European Affairs at ICA both work with the Soviet Ministry of Higher Education.

Of possible interest to you is the fact that the International Research Exchange Board regularly places less than 5% of its U.S. Graduate Student/Young Faculty exchanges in the sciences in Soviet universities, because laboratory equipment is not likely to equal that found in U.S. institutions. Thus, your proposed program might be more successful from the standpoint of language development than in science and engineering.

Thank you again for consulting us, and good luck with your venture.

Sincerely,

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